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SUBJECT: UN CHARTER REVIEW WORKING GROUP MEETING

REF: USUN 442 (NOTAL)

1. UN CHARTER REVIEW WORKING GROUP MET MORNING OF 16 FEBRUARY AND DISCUSSED PARAS 44 AND 45 OF THE SECT ANALYTICAL STUDY CONCERNING THE COMPOSITION AND PROCEDURES OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL. THE US, ITALY, USSR, POLAND AND GDR SPOKE IN GENERAL SUPPORT OF THE CURRENT COMPOSITION OF THE COUNCIL AND ARGUED THAT PROBLEMS WHICH HAD ARISEN NOT DUE TO COMPOSITION OF SC OR DEFECTS IN THE CHARTER AND POINTED OUT THAT COMPOSITION OF CURRENT COUNCIL WAS SUCH THAT NO DECISION WAS POSSIBLE WITHOUT SUPPORT OF ALL GROUPS WHOSE SUPPORT WAS ESSENTIAL TO GIVE DECISION MEANING. JAPAN ASKED FOR CAREFUL AND COMPREHENSIVE STUDY OF ALL THE PROPOSALS. SIERRA LEONE, YUGOSLAVIA, ROMANIA AND IRAN SPOKE IN FAVOR OF EXPANSION OF SC AND/OR DILUTION OF VETO. GREECE SUPPORTED ARGUMENTS IN FAVOR CHANGE AND CALLED FOR GREATER DEMOCRATIZATION OF COUNCIL.

2. MEXICAN DELEGATE MADE A WELL-THOUGHT-OUT INTERVENTION

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IN WHICH HE DISCUSSED THE VARYING POWER RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN THE UNGA AND THE UNSC OVER THE LAST THIRTY YEARS. HE SAID THAT IF PERMANENT MEMBERS OF THE SC DO NOT RESPOND TO THE SITUATION AND VOLUNTARILY APPLY LIMITATIONS ON THIER USE OF THE VETO ON SUCH ISSUES AS ADMISSION OF NEW MEMBERS AND THE PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT OF DISPUTES THAT THERE WILL BE A DRIVE TO TURN TO THE GA AS WAS DONE IN THE 1950'S. HE

SAID THAT THE SC SHOULD NOT CONTINUE TO BE A CLOSED CLUB AND THAT HE SAW MERIT IN YUGOSLAV SUGGESTIONS THAT THE VETO BE GRANTED TO SOME MEMBERS OR REGIONS WHICH DO NOT NOW HAVE IT.

3. ALGERIA SUPPORTED MEXICO AND MENTIONED THE QUESTION OF NAMIBIA AS BEING AN EXAMPLE OF OCCASION WHEN PERMANENT MEMBERS BLOCKED COERCIVE MEASURES AGAINST SOUTH AFRICA, THUS NOT DAMPENING THREAT OF PEACE. NIGERIAN DELEGATE SAID THAT PERMANENT SC MEMBERSHIP IS UNDEMOCRATIC SINCE PRINCIPLE OF SOVEREIGN EQUALITY IS FUNDAMENTAL TO UN. HE SAID THAT VETOES ARE STUMBLING BLOCKS IN WAY OF SC ACTION ON NAMIBIAN ISSUE AND ARE FRUSTRATING WILL OF THE GA, THE MAJORITY OF SC MEMBERS AND THE PEOPLE OF NAMIBIA AND AFRICA.

4. REGIONAL CHAIRMEN MEETING AFTERNOON OF FEBRUARY 16 TO DISCUSS NUMBER OF MEETINGS PER WEEK. NEXT MEETING F WORKING GROUP MORNING OF 17 FEBRUARY.
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